SENATE BILL 1342

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to offenses committed against uniformed personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114(19), is amended by adding the language "a uniformed member of the armed forces or national guard," immediately before the language "an emergency medical or rescue worker".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

The defendant commits a violent offense, as classified in § 40-35-120(b), against a uniformed law enforcement officer or uniformed member of the armed forces or national guard; and the defendant intentionally selected the person against whom the crime was committed, in whole or in part, because of the person's status as a law enforcement officer or member of the armed forces or national guard;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.